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## **FIVE PERCENT (5%) PROVIDER PAYMENT REDUCTION**

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2006, Medi-Cal is reducing payments for all services by five percent (5%) in accordance with the directives contained in AB 1735, Chapter 719 (Statutes of 2005). Further, in accordance with this statute, rate reductions will remain in effect until January 1, 2007.

Claims and Notices of Authorization (NOAs) received for payment on or after January 1, 2006, with dates of service December 31, 2005 and before, will be paid at the present rate. NOAs with dates of service on or after January 1, 2006 will be paid at the reduced rate. *Providers are reminded to always use their usual, customary, and reasonable (UCR) fees when submitting for payment.*

Services provided through the following programs will be exempt from the payment reduction:

- Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program
- Breast Cancer Control Program
- California Children's Services (CCS) Program (Medi-Cal and non Medi-Cal)
- Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program (Medi-Cal and non Medi-Cal)
- Children Treatment Program (CTP)
- Genetically Handicapped Persons Program (GHPP)

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